

MCKELDIN TO STAY ON AS GOVERNOR

Announces He Would Not Ac-
cept A Federal Post

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Governor McKeldin yesterday put an end to rumors that he would accept a high post in General Eisenhower's Administration if one were proffered.

"I was elected Governor of Maryland for four years and I propose to serve out my full term," Mr. McKeldin declared emphatically soon after his return from New Orleans, where he was the only Republican attending the Southern Governor's Conference.

He said he would not be tempted by the offer of a Cabinet or any other Federal post—at least until *his term expires*.

No Post Has Been Offered

He hastened to add that no such post had been offered.

"I don't want to be in the position of declining something that has not been offered me," he explained, "but I believe the time has come to make it clear that I intend to serve out my term as Governor."

Governor McKeldin, who placed General Eisenhower's name before the Republican Convention in Chicago, had been ranked nationally as among those who might be favored for choice jobs in the Republican Administration.

However, his close friends in Maryland believe his thinking is inclining more and more towards a try for a second term in the 1954 State elections.

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